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SS-18 ICBM DISPERSAL TRAINING EXERCISE
DOMBAROVSKIY POSSIBLE DISPERSAL TRAINING AREA 1, USSR (SWN)

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A LARGE-SCALE DISPERSAL TRAINING EXERCISE INVOLVING MAJOR PIECES OF SS-18 EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED AT DOMBAROVSKIY. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** [REDACTED] A LARGE-SCALE SS-18 DISPERSAL TRAINING EXERCISE WAS IN PROGRESS AT DOMBAROVSKIY DISPERSAL TRAINING AREA (DTA) 1. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN THIS AREA [REDACTED] AND THE EXERCISE WAS CONCLUDED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS DTA CONTAINS 32 REVETMENTS AND IS 2 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF THE DOMBAROVSKIY ICBM RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSFER POINT [REDACTED] THE EXERCISE INVOLVED AN SS-18 CAN/CAP TRANSPORTER, A NEWLY IDENTIFIED PROBABLE SS-18 LOWER CANISTER SUPPORT FRAMEWORK, APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES, AND NUMEROUS TENTS. THIS WAS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A CAN/CAP TRANSPORTER IN A FIELD TRAINING AREA. THE POSITIONING OF THE TRANSPORTER WITH THE CANISTER SUPPORT FRAMEWORK SUGGESTS THAT A ROLL TRANSFER OF AN SS-18 LOWER CANISTER SECTION WAS CONDUCTED. A FRAMEWORK OF THIS TYPE COULD BE USED TO STORE CANISTERS FOR RESUPPLY. ALTHOUGH NO CANISTER SECTIONS WERE IDENTIFIED DURING THE EXERCISE, THE USE OF LARGE TENTS, CANVAS SHELTERS, AND OTHER CC&D METHODS PREVENTED THE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF MOST VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT INVOLVED. (SWN)

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[REDACTED] AN SS-18 CAN/CAP TRANSPORTER WAS IN A DRIVE-IN REVETMENT AND SEVERAL SUPPORT VEHICLES WERE IN AN OPERATIONS SUPPORT AREA (GRAPHIC 1). IN ADDITION, SS-18 GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND AN UNUSUALLY HIGH COUNT OF SUPPORT VEHICLES WERE IN THE RTP. (SWN)

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[REDACTED] THE CAN/CAP TRANSPORTER HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE DRIVE-IN REVETMENT AND THE SS-18 LOWER CANISTER SUPPORT FRAMEWORK WAS ALIGNED AT GRADE LEVEL NEXT TO THE CLOSED END OF THE REVETMENT (GRAPHIC 2). ALSO, SIX REVETMENTS WERE OCCUPIED, AND AT LEAST 30 SUPPORT VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT WERE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. A LARGE CANVAS/NET COVERING WAS ERECTED OVER FOUR POSSIBLE MULTISYSTEM PROPELLANT TRANSPORTERS (MSPT) IN THE OPERATIONS SUPPORT AREA. IN ADDITION, TEN TENTS WERE

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PRESENT. TWO OF THESE WERE AT LEAST 30 METERS IN LENGTH. AT THE RTP, MOST OF THE GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND AT LEAST HALF OF THE SUPPORT VEHICLES SEEN [REDACTED] HAD DEPARTED THE AREA. (SWN)

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[REDACTED], PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THE DTA REVEALED THAT THE EXERCISE WAS CONTINUING. (SWN)

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[REDACTED] 11 OF THE 32 REVETMENTS IN THE DTA WERE OCCUPIED. A CANVAS-COVERED POSSIBLE CAN/CAP TRANSPORTER WAS IN THE SAME REVETMENT OCCUPIED BY A CAN/CAP TRANSPORTER [REDACTED]. THE PROBABLE LOWER CANISTER SUPPORT FRAMEWORK HAD BEEN COVERED WITH A CANVAS-COVERED SHELTER. ALSO, A CANVAS-COVERED POSSIBLE TYPE V WARHEAD TRANSPORTER WAS IN ONE OF THE OTHER REVETMENTS AND AT LEAST 40 SUPPORT VEHICLES, SOME IN CONVOY, WERE IN THE AREA. IN THE OPERATIONS SUPPORT AREA, A SECOND LARGE CANVAS/NET COVERING WAS OVER TWO POSSIBLE MSPT AND SUPPORT VEHICLES. IN ADDITION, A HIP HELICOPTER WAS APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS FROM THE DTA, AND A PROBABLE FIELD COMMUNICATIONS UNIT CONSISTING OF TWO VAN-TYPE TRUCKS WAS NEARBY (NOT ON GRAPHIC). AT THE RTP, NO SS-18 GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OR OTHER SUPPORT VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED. (SWN)

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THIS IS THE SECOND LARGE DISPERSAL TRAINING EXERCISE OBSERVED AT DOMBAROVSKIY THAT INVOLVED MAJOR PIECES OF SS-18 EQUIPMENT. IN MARCH 1982, SIX MSPT AND AT LEAST 80 VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT WERE IN DTA 4 [REDACTED], WHICH IS 15 NM NORTH OF THE RTP. SIMILAR EXERCISES HAVE ALSO BEEN SEEN AT ALEYSK DTA 3 [REDACTED] AND AT ZHANGIZTOBE DTA [REDACTED]

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